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§20-2-34. Disposition of license fees and donations; reports of agents; special funds and uses.

(a) All persons in this state who receive money for licenses and permits required by this chapter, or as donations for the hunters helping the hungry program, shall deposit the moneys into an account at a financial institution at intervals designated by the director with the approval of the State Treasurer. The payment shall be accompanied by a sales report. The form and content of the sales report shall be prescribed by the director.

(b) Except where other provisions of this chapter specifically require direct payment of moneys into designated funds for specific uses and purposes, all license fees received by the director shall be promptly paid into the State Treasury and credited to the Division of Natural Resources "license fund--wildlife resources" which shall be used and paid out, upon order of the director, solely for law enforcement and for other purposes directly relating to the conservation, protection, propagation and distribution of wildlife in this state pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

No funds from the "license fund--wildlife resources" may be expended for recreational facilities or activities that are used by or for the benefit of the general public, rather than purchasers of hunting and fishing licenses.

The director shall retain ten percent of the "license fund–wildlife resources" for capital improvements and land purchases benefitting state wildlife, forty percent shall be budgeted to the wildlife resources division, forty percent to law enforcement and ten percent apportioned by the director within provisions of this section. Any unexpended moneys for capital improvements and land purchases shall be carried forward.

All interest generated from game and fish license fees shall be used by the director for the Division of Natural Resources in the same manner as is provided for the use of license fees.

(c) Moneys received as donations to the hunters helping the hungry program shall be deposited in the subaccount designated "hunters helping the hungry fund".

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